

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:✓

B₁ ¶Other components of the illustrated strip lighting system include end inserts 40 for providing tube segments 14 with end coupling formations, end plugs 50 (Figures 19 to 21) for terminating the light tube segments other than at junction boxes, and locking means 60 for disengagably coupling inserts 40 to the flexible tube segments 16 or to the end plugs 50.¶

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:✓

B₂ ¶The mounting rail 30 is dimensioned to be an interference fit in channel 27. The hollow thin-wall form of tube segment base structure 25 and the arrangement of ribs 32a, 32b on mounting rail 30 allow both components to flex and deform so that the tube segments 14 can be demountably attached to the mounting rails by pressing the tube segments onto the mounting rails in the direction of the arrow 80 in Figure 2. The ribs 32a, 32b flex inwardly towards each other and the hollow flanges 26a, 26b of the tube flex apart to allow the rib formations 35a, 35b to snap past ridges 29a, 29b into undercuts 28a, 28b. In this way, the light tube segment can be mounted to a surface such as a wall surface by first fixing the mounting rails in place against the wall with fasteners 81 driven through the main web 31 of the rail, and then snapping the tube segment into place. Mounting rails 30 have a smooth flat rear face 33 for engaging the wall or outer surface on which the rail is mounted, and the fasteners are hidden from view in the assembled configuration. The mounting rails may include provision to support electrical conductors in particular applications. If it is desired at any time to rearrange or dismantle the strip lighting, tube segment 14 can be grasped and pulled off the mounting rails by inverting the snap action. To facilitate the snap-fit, there may be a longitudinal slit in the center of channel 27, at the position indicated in Figure 2 at 127.¶

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:✓

B₃ ¶As already noted, light tube segments 14 may be fitted with end inserts 40 to allow them to be connected to other fittings. A typical such insert is illustrated in Figures 11 to 13. It

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is an integral moulding in a suitable plastics material, preferably that used for segments 14 and 42 and mounting rails 30. The insert essentially includes three axially successive portions, i.e. a plug portion 42, and end flange 44 and a connector portion 46. Plug portion 42 is precisely matched to make an interference fit into either of the open ends of a light tube segment 14 and thus has an external profile complementary to the internal profile of tube segments 14. The interior of the insert is provided with a peripheral shallow shoulder 41 at the transition between plug portion 42 and flange portion 44, and with a longitudinally extending convex rib 43 at the top interior of plug portion 42. These features are for locating and keying electrical cable ribbon connectors as and if required.

In the Abstract:

Please insert the following text as the Abstract of the Disclosure:

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A strip lighting device includes an elongate housing that is at least partially translucent and a multiplicity of light sources arranged at intervals within the housing. Means is provided to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from the light sources whereby on activation of the light sources, a visible optical effect is produced when the housing is viewed from the outside.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, and 41-43.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 12, 14, 20, and 32 as follows:

1. (Amended) A strip lighting device which includes:

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an elongate housing that is at least partially translucent;

a multiplicity of light sources arranged at intervals within said housing; and

means to diffuse, disperse or scatter light from said light sources whereby on activation of the light sources, said housing glows when viewed from the outside so as to form a strip or line of light.